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Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 December, regarding Regulations and Covid-19 guidance for Close Contact Services.

I am grateful for the role that you and the National Hair and Beauty Federation (NHBF) are playing in communicating the Working Safely guidance to members and other businesses across the hair and beauty industry. The NHBF is a valued stakeholder, and my officials and I are keen to continue working with you to ensure that the sector operates safely during the threat posed by Covid-19.

I understand your concerns about the regulations and the potential impact for premise-based and mobile practitioners and thank you for your suggestions regarding future regulations. Face coverings are only legally required in indoor public places, such as licensed salons, rather than for specific activities. However, the Working Safely Guidance also sets out that staff and customers should still wear a face covering if close contact services are taking place in someone's home, if they are not exempt. We also recommend that staff should wear a type II face mask if conducting treatments which require them to be in close proximity to a person's face, mouth and nose, whether this takes place in a home or in a business premise.

So, whilst the regulations may not directly apply to mobile settings, the guidance, which interprets the regulations, makes clear that mobile practitioners should be wearing face coverings to keep themselves and their clients safe.

Thank you again for your engagement with BEIS, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Yours ever,

PAUL SCULLY MP
Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Labour Markets
and Minister for London